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ASSISTANCE FROM NABARD FOR PRIORITY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the type of assistance being extended by NABARD to various public sector banks in priority sector lending;

(b) whether NABARD has extended any such assistance in Rajasthan to priority sector lending during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the target set by NABARD for Rajasthan for 2004-05 financial year and achievement made in that year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMAN1CKAM):

(a) Refinance by NABARD is extended under Section 25 of NABARD Act to all Banks i.e. Commercial Banks (Public and Private Sector Banks), Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), State Cooperative Banks (SCBs), State Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (SCARDBs) and Scheduled Primary Urban Co-operative Banks against the term loans extended by them for agriculture and allied activities, smallscale industry, cottage and village industry and other economic activity incidental to agriculture and rural development under priority sector lending.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, NABARD has extended refinance in the State of Rajasthan to the tune of Rs. 405.37 crore, Rs. 330.36 crore and Rs. 361.71 crore during the year 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectively.

(d) As against the refinance target of Rs. 370.00 crore set for the year 2004-05 for investment credit, an amount of Rs. 415.62 crore has already been extended to the State of Rajasthan till 28th February, 2005. Though no target has been set for refinance of short-term loans in 2004-05, the actual disbursement till 28th February, 2005 is Rs. 717.36 crore.